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CONCERNING CYPRUS TALKS

1. SUMMARY: DURING HIS MEETING WITH WALDHEIM ON SEPTEMBER 2,
THE SECRETARY SAID THAT WITH REGARD TO THE CYPRUS TALKS
SEVERAL APPROACHES MIGHT BE POSSIBLE. SECRETARY REFERRED
TO HIS LIST OF PRINCIPLES OF SEPTEMBER 22, 1975 AND A
MODIFIED VERSION PREPARED SUBSEQUENTLY WHICH COULD BE PUT
FORWARD TOGETHER WITH THE EUROPEANS. SECRETARY ALSO MADE
SUGGESTION OF A STUDY GROUP WHICH COULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS
TO THE PARTIES AND COULD ATTEMPT TO BRING THEM TOGETHER UNDER
SYG'S AEGIS. SYG ON HIS PART REFERRED TO EARLIER SUGGESTIONS
OF REQUESTING PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN TO PREPARE GROUND IN
NICOSIA FOR ANOTHER VIENNA ROUND OR EXPANDING HUMANITARIAN
TALKS TO PREPARE FOR LATER TALKS UNDER HIS AUSPICES. SYG
ALSO SUGGESTED ANOTHER APPROACH WOULD BE TO CALL CONSULTA-
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TIVE MEETING IN NEW YORK WITH PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN IF

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NICOSIA TALKS FAIL TO PRODUCE RESULTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN COURSE OF SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH SYG WALDHEIM ON SEPTEMBER 2, SECRETARY SAID WE HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF IDEAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CYPRUS TALKS. SECRETARY REMARKED THAT WE COULD CONCEIVABLY PUT FORWARD SOME PRINCIPLES TOGETHER WITH THE EUROPEANS AND THEN SEE WHAT BOTH SIDES COULD ACCEPT AS A BASIS FOR TALKS. SECRETARY DESCRIBED PRINCIPLES AS BASICALLY THOSE CONTAINED IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST SEPTEMBER 22. SECRETARY NOTED ANOTHER SUGGESTION WOULD BE TO FORM A STUDY GROUP WITH THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY TURKEY, GREECE, AND THE THIRD BY THE UN. STUDY GROUP COULD ADDRESS THE ISSUES AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PARTIES. IT COULD ALSO ATTEMPT TO GET THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS ASSEMBLED IN NEW YORK UNDER THE SYG'S AEGIS PERHAPS IN SEPTEMBER.

3. WALDHEIM REVIEWED THE CURRENT DEADLOCK IN POSITIONS OF BOTH SIDES AND NOTED THAT HE ALSO HAD BEEN THINKING OF IDEAS ON HOW TO GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO THE TALKS. WALDHEIM SAID ONE SUGGESTION WAS FOR PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN TO HOLD MEETINGS IN NICOSIA TO LAY GROUND WORK FOR NEXT ROUND; THESE PREPARATORY MEETINGS COULD FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY OR AS AN EXTENSION OF THE HUMANITARIAN TALKS IN THE LEDRA PALACE. WALDHEIM COMMENTED THAT ANOTHER APPROACH IF TALKS IN NICOSIA FAIL TO PRODUCE RESULTS WOULD BE TO CALL A CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF PAPADOPOULOS AND ONAN UNDER HIS AEGIS IN NEW YORK BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION. WALDHEIM NOTED THAT THIS WAS A NEW IDEA WHICH HE HADN'T EXPLORED WITH HIS STAFF AS YET, BUT IF BOTH SIDES COULD REACH AGREEMENT ON PROCEDURE DURING CONSULTATIVE TALKS THEN PERHAPS THEY COULD MOVE TO ANOTHER FORMAL ROUND UNDER HIS AUSPICES IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS IN NEW YORK.

4. SECRETARY REPLIED THAT CONSULTATIVE MEETING WAS A GOOD IDEA AND THAT WALDHEIM SHOULD GO AHEAD WITH IT. WALDHEIM NOTED THAT THIS APPROACH SEEMS TO BE REALISTIC AND NO ONE COULD CHARGE THAT WE WEREN'T MAKING AN EFFORT.
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SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD TALK TO BRITISH AND FRENCH AND LOOK INTO THIS SUGGESTION FURTHER. WALDHEIM CONCLUDED BY NOTING IT WAS IMPORTANT TO STAY IN CONTACT ON MATTER.
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